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## Attacking The CIA

Nobody particularly likes spy organizations but every country has them.

Some of the members of the United States Senate have begun to take after the Central Intelligence Agency which is directed by Richard Helms.

Senator George McGovern (D.-So. Dak.) proposes that the CIA funds reported on one line of the federal budget instead of being masked under other budget items. Senator John Sherman Cooper (R.-Ky.) wants to force the CIA to furnish congress regularly with intelligence information now given only to the

executive branch. One can imagine how "secret" this would be when furnished to 100 senators and 435 congressmen.

The CIA is a huge sprawling organization engaged in a distasteful but necessary business around the world.

If it is to be effective, it has to be secret to whatever extent is humanly possible. Despite some of its blunders it has been an effective arm of government.

If these critical senators get their way and the CIA is ordered to expose its activities, its usefulness is at an end.